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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q79059

Mitsuru Sawano

Appln. No.: 10/736,569

Group Art Unit: 1774

Confirmation No.: 4509

Examiner: Bruce H. Hess

Filed: December 17, 2003

For: IMAGE RECORDING APPARATUS AND METHOD AND RECORDING SHEET FOR
USE THEREWITH

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The Examiner has identified the application as containing claims directed to two distinct species. The Examiner has required the Applicant to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted. The Examiner believes there are no generic claims. Applicant has been advised that a response to this requirement shall include an identification of the species that is elected and a listing of all claims readable thereon.

In response to the Examiner's requirement, Applicant elects for examination, without traverse, Species A on which claims 11, 13 and 14 are readable.

Applicant submits that if any of the elected claims are found to be allowable, claims dependent therefrom should similarly be considered allowable in the same application.

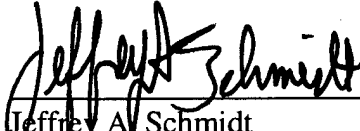
Applicant reserves the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected Species B directed to claim 12.

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Respectfully submitted,


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